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SUMMARY. CGT CONGRESS TO BE HELD JULY 24-25. NO WHOLESALE CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP ARE ANTICIPATED, BUT RESULT IS EXPECTED TO REESTABLISH CGT AS DE FACTO, AS WELL AS DE JURE, SPOKESMAN FOR LABOR MOVEMENT. REPLACEMENT OR RETENTION SECGEN ROMERO IS MAJOR QUESTION MARK. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING MAY 17 MEETING CGT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED CONVOCATION OF CGT BIENIAL CONGRESS FOR JULY 24-25. CGT CENTRAL CONFEDERATED COMMITTEE (CCC) TO MEET MAY 22 TO CONSIDER CONGRESS AGENDA, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE REVISION OF STATUTES TO PERMIT FOUR YEAR TERM FOR NEW OFFICERS.

2. COMMENT. ANNOUNCEMENT ENDED WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT CONGRESS WOULD BE POSTPONED TO DECEMBER OR LATER. GENERAL REACTION IS THAT CONGRESS WAS CALLED FOR JULY AS CURRENT LEADERSHIP BELIEVES EARLY ELECTIONS NOW GOOD TACTICAL MOVE IN VIEW OF PERON'S LABOR DAY ADDRESS IN SUPPORT OF PRESENT LEADERS. EARLIER WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT THERE WOULD BE COMPLETE TURNOVER IN CGT LEADERSHIP NOW REPLACED WITH VIEW THAT ONLY MINOR CHANGES WILL OCCUR. MAJOR TOPIC OF SPECULATION IS WHETHER
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PERON WILL ELECT TO HAVE SECGEN ROMERO REMAIN, OR IF HE WILL BE

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REPLACED IN ORDER TO REFURBISH TARNISHED IMAGE OF CGT, WHICH HAS PLAYED SECOND FIDDLE TO 62 ORGANIZATIONS SINCE SEP 1973 ASSASSINATION OF SECGEN RUCCI. LABOR LEADERSHIP IS ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN CONVICTION THAT METAL WORKERS (UOM) AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS HEGEMONY IN LABOR FIELD SHOULD BE REPLACED BY INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY OF CGT.

3. LORENZO MIGUEL, UOM AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS STROGMAN, IS SEEKING TO PLACE ONE OF HIS OWN METAL WORKERS AS CGT SECGEN, BUT HE IS BEING QUIETLY OPPOSED BY MANY WHO DESIRE MINOR UNION LEADER TO REPLACE ROMERO. AMONG THOSE CURRENTLY RUMORED AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES ARE BAEZ (SOCIAL SECURITY UNION), DONAIRES (PAPER UNION), ROQUE (MILLERS), IBANEZ (STATE PETROLEUM) AND CARRASCO (MEAT PACKERS). IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT ROMERO, WHO DOES NOT WISH REELECTION, WILL BE GIVEN LABOR ATTACHE SLOT IN SPAIN IF HE IS REPLACED. HOWEVER, LABOR LEADERS REALIZE CURRENT SPECULATION AND MANEUVERING WILL HAVE LITTLE TO DO WITH FINAL RESULT, AS PERON ALONE WILL MAKE DECISION ON NEW LEADERSHIP. HILL

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